

U.S. Deaths Among People With Diabetes, 2006

- Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates in 2006.
- Diabetes is likely to be underreported as a cause of death. Studies have found that only 35% to 40% of decedents with diabetes had it listed anywhere on the death certificate and only about 10% to 15% had it listed as the underlying cause of death.
- Overall, the risk for death among people with diabetes is about twice that of people without diabetes of similar age.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National diabetes fact sheet: general information and national estimates on diabetes in the United States, 2007. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2008. Retrieved from the Web on October 18, 2008
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